

# Tattersall's NEWS



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## Alan Jones packs them in

Members commented that they could not remember seeing the First Floor Club Room ever as full before, and in truth, the Club Luncheon addressed by Australia's Rugby Coach, radio personality and club member, Alan Jones, broke all the records for luncheons at the club with 297 members and their guests present.

Alan was introduced to members by the Club Chairman, David Dransfield, and launched a strong attack on the Government and Australian media for their selective attitude towards bans on sports contacts with South Africa.

He pointed out that squash and other sports were played against South Africa without protest and that even a "Golden Oldies" rugby tour had gone ahead. Only Australian rugby players aged under 35 came under coercion and threats of being debarred from the game if they played in South Africa.

However, Alan Jones felt he had to advise young players to abide by the Australian Rugby Union rule against playing in South Africa simply because by doing so they might find themselves barred from the sport for life.

"If bans are to be introduced, a ban on sporting contacts with a country like Pakistan which is ruled by a brutal military regime would make much more point," he said.

However, Alan Jones added that he was in favour of sporting contacts with all countries as a means of building bridges with those countries such as the Soviet Union whose forms of government we did not approve of.

He said he was appalled that as far as he knew, he was the only person in Australia today who had spoken to President Botha in the past three years about politics in Southern Africa.

Alan told his fellow Tattersall's members that the Australian rugby team was in very good shape, with very good team spirit and morale, although he strongly attacked a Sydney newspaper for its negativism and defeatism in a recent article about the team.

He said that today there was a tendency which was quite un-Australian to turn against any sporting teams or individuals who were defeated.



Alan Jones

"Greg Norman needs our support today far more than he ever did in victory," Alan Jones commented and added: "Unless we can embrace those who do well and show commitment to those values of excellence, then as a nation we can forget all about any recovery. If we allow ourselves to become purveyors of negativism and defeat, we are ruined."

### Club race meeting

It may have been held by the time this newsletter reaches Club members, but the Tattersall's Chelmsford Stakes Spring Race Meeting will be one of the club's major events for the month, being held at Randwick on September 5.

This meeting traditionally heralds the real commencement of Spring Racing and includes in its programme such traditional races for quality horses as the Chelmsford Stakes, the Roman Consul Stakes for three year olds and the Tramway Handicap, a traditionally good guide for the Epsom.

The Members' Luncheon will be held in the Tattersall's Room, commencing before the first race and those members

who placed their names upon the invitation list are reminded that tickets to the course and the members' stand are strictly limited but can be obtained from the Secretary.

Tattersall's expresses its gratitude to the AJC Chairman and his committee and staff for their co-operation which is always so willingly given to make this meeting a success.

We also congratulate our sponsors for taking this opportunity to advertise through the medium of the Tattersall's Race Meeting.

Let us hope the meeting is a profitable success for all our members, whether they be bookmakers or punters.

### Dates For Your Diary

**Epicureans Dinner and Dance.** "A Night at the Trocadero". September 5, Black tie, Big Band. Bookings: Joanne at the office.

**Golf Day at Manly.** September 17. Bookings through Joanne Lee at the Club.

**Swimming season commences.** Third Floor, Sept. 22, 1.15pm.

**Epicurean dinner and wine tasting.** November 6. Bookings through the Office.

**Les Miserables.** Visit to this show at the Theatre Royal, on December 3. It will be preceded by dinner at the club and cost with parking is expected to be \$55.00. Only 100 tickets available, BUT..

**Les Miserables.** A further Epicurean Club visit to this show, with 100 tickets available and selling fast, will be made on January 21, 1988.

**Harbour cruise to Maritime Museum.** Planned for February, 1988 but actual date to be announced; Limit 50 people, book early through Joanne Lee at the Office.

### Club Management

The Committee has advised that Mr Andrew Grecian has resigned as General Manager of the Club.

A temporary management situation has been arranged.

# A sporting gent from the past

By NORMAN ROGERS

Recently at Flemington, Melbourne, I admired from a distance a man I thought I recognised. He was well groomed, upright, full head of dark hair, clean cut, enjoying a snack, accompanied by his good lady. I introduced myself and it was, as I had hoped, Ambrose Palmer — a fine Australian sportsman and gentleman.

Let me recall some of his achievements.

Born in Footscray in 1911, he was never a big man and generally competed above his boxing division.

At various stages of his career he was Middle, Light Heavy and Heavy Weight Champion of Australia. Those who existed through the terrible Depression years will know that many great boxers fought in those times. Hungry men made the best fighters!

Ambrose fought 67 times for 23 KO's, 35 points victories, two draws, four losses on fouls and one loss on points. He was knocked out twice by two great US Heavyweights, Young Stribling, later killed, and Leo Kelly, a dynamite puncher. Both were very big men.

Ambrose did have a points and a KO win over Kelly. Fouls, by the way, were very common in Depression years. All bets were off on a "Foul" result.

At the age of 19 Ambrose Palmer KO'd the legendary Jack Haines for the Australian Middle Weight Title and at 20 he gained a points win over the great Fred Henneberry. He then fought and beat the Champion, Ron Richards on three occasions, the last time an eighth round KO.

One of his greatest fights was when he KO'd Henneberry in 12 for the Light Heavy Title. He was then 25. (Fred Henneberry was my boyhood idol and taught me the Yo-Yo). Henneberry's nephew, Bill, a great Tatt's man, is his look-alike. Fred himself, a great Middle Weight, was in world class.

An artist at his trade, Ambrose defeated Big Leo "Deacon" Kelly, a US negro, over 15 rounds on points and in a return, Ambrose was KO'd in the eighth. He then went into temporary retirement.

A year later he KO'd an import then again went into temporary retirement.

A year later he won five straight including KO's of Kelly and Ron Richards in eight.

His last fight was with the subsequent World Cruiser Weight Champion, Gus Lesnevitch, to whom he lost a split points decision.

Palmer was a top class Australian Rules player and played for years with his beloved Footscray team.

I recall that while playing for Footscray after his ring retirement he was carried off suffering nine fractures of the skull and six fractures of the jaw.

These led to his retirement from football. The injuries sound horrendous, even for Rugby League. Maybe, I suggest, some players wanted to punch the great Palmer, but not in the ring.

He later tutored and managed Johnny Famechon to a World Featherweight Title.

When I left Ambrose in Melbourne I asked for, and got his autograph, which I will treasure.

## BIGGER FISH, BIGGER YARNS

A number of club members have recently returned from far North Queensland from a fishing trip. They include Peter Twigg, Harold Cruickshank, Stuart Adams, Greame Allen, Kevin Simmonds, Terry Jackman, John Stratton and Jeff Woollard.

They obviously did not expect their stories of enormous fish, mud crabs and aboriginal paintings to be believed so they all brought back volumes of pictures as well.

This expedition is an annual event although on this occasion one of its pioneer voyagers, Norman Rogers, was sadly absent as he was unexpectedly called out of Australia and unable to join his friends.

He nevertheless made himself heard by coming across the radio-telephone at fairly regular intervals, offering advice and seeking wagers.

The group voyaged north of Lizard Island and around Princess Charlotte Bay with that well known skipper in those parts, Gordon Oke, in his vessel the Bali Hai 2, and if any members are thinking of making a similar voyage they could not do any better than Gordon did for our members.

It is reliably reported they have already plotted next year's course and propose to travel the remaining part of the north Queensland coast all the way to Thursday Island.

We can look forward to more stories with even bigger fish next year.



Peter Twigg's mud crabs

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have been welcomed to the Club:

**Ezekial Solomon**, Partner, Allen, Allen & Hemsley;

**Paul James Schofield**, Solicitor, Pike, Pike & Fenwick;

**Terence Arthur James Saunders**, Property Director, Anzac No Frills Ltd.;

**Brett Saunders Ruth**, Sales Manager, Rural Chemical Industries Pty Ltd.;

**Warwick Laurence Robinson**, Director, Boulton Robinson Office Supplies Pty Ltd.;

**Warren Bernard Riedel**, NZ Banking Group Ltd.;

**Terence Bayly Portus**, National Australia Bank Ltd.;

**Mariusz Pawel Podleska**, Barrister;

**Victor Barry Paul**, Chairman and Managing Director, Kern Corp. Ltd.;

**John Francis Newnham**, Solicitor, Fred & John F. Newnham;

**Geoffrey David Nelson**, Managing Director, DRG Flexible Packaging Pty Ltd.;

**Philip Macdonald Madden**, Solicitor, Addisons Solicitors;

**Gregory Michael Johnston**, Solicitor, Gregory M. Johnston & Co.;

**William James Hughes**, Sales Director, Waterford Wedgwood Australia;

**James Anthony Hall**, Law Clerk, Teakle Ormsby & Assoc.;

**Mark James Gilbert**, Dealer, Short Term Acceptances Ltd.;

**Steven John Gavagna**, Building Consultant, Turner Corp. Ltd.;

**Rodney Wayne Gallagher**, ANZ Banking Group Ltd.;

**Patrick John Gallagher**, Hotelier, Pennant Hills Inn;

**Alastair James Fotheringham**, ANZ Banking Group Ltd.

**Justin Langbene Peter Ferguson**, Real estate auctioneer;

**Edward Harold Emerson**, Professional, St Michael's Golf Club;

**Alister James Drysdale**, Executive Director, Australian Association of National Advertisers;

**Peter Raymond Dodd**, Executive Director, Whitlam Turnbull & Co Ltd.;

**John Angelo Diacopoulos**, Solicitor;

**Duncan James Cruickshank**, Broker trainee, Australian Interdealer Broker;

**Michael Anthony Couch**, Solicitor;

**Dr Moshe Hewitt Cosgriff**, Technical Consultant, MH Consulting Service;

**Alan A. Chiswick**, Builder, Alan A. Chiswick Pty Ltd.;

**Robert John Chilman**, Builder, Matrix Management Pty Ltd.;

**Richard Andrew Blair**, Developer, Oakes Building Co (Aust) Pty Ltd.;

**Mitchell James Baker**, Advertising Executive, USP Needham Pty Ltd.;

**Mark Conrad Bailey**, Bailey Insurance Services;

**Stephen Grant Evans**, Architect, Stephen Evans Design Pty. Ltd.

# Advertising the Good Life at Tatt's

Most members will have seen the gorgeous Elle McPherson reclining recently across the front page of the Sydney Morning Herald, so to speak, as she also reclined across the glittering blue waters of the Tattersall's Club swimming pool.

What many members may not be quite so conscious of is the fact that Tattersall's Club is one of the top venues — indeed probably the very first that anyone in the advertising and film and television industries think of when they need to set a scene in an atmosphere of dignity, elegance, unostentatious luxury, or indeed any indoor setting that epitomises "the good life".

Elle McPherson, making a commercial for Diet Coke, is merely the latest example of a long line of promoters using Tatts — and the line promises to get a good deal longer over the next 18 months as the Bicentennial celebrations and promotions really get into their swing.

In the past four years the club has featured in four major films — Phar Lap, Body Line, The Last Bastion and Star Struck, while club furniture — the carved chairs in the Boardroom and the deep leather chairs in the Club Room,

were featured in the films Gallipoli, A Town Like Alice and Shout — The JO'K Story.

The Club Room was used in Body Line to depict a gentlemen's club in London, a hotel foyer in Melbourne and a London restaurant, which is a striking testimonial to its versatility. In Star Struck, as in the Coke commercial, the pool area was featured.

Among the TV commercials filmed in the club was one to launch the Challenge Bank, which used the Club Room and the First Floor Bar. This advertisement was only for use in Victoria and Western Australia, but they had to come to Tatt's, Sydney for the right ambience.

A malt whisky commercial also used Assistant Secretary, Frank Beament, in their advertisement which was reproduced in "Successful Entertaining".

An event which should have taken place by the time this newsletter appears, is filming by Mike Willesee's organisation in connection with a film for the Bicentennial.

The truth is that Tattersall's Club has a unique atmosphere that is in great demand by the film industry.

## Bowlers host Trophy Day

Tattersall's Bowlers hosted a \$200 Trophy Day at City Bowling Club on August 13.

Both greens were full and a great day of bowls resulted with our visitors and friends.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners.

Unfortunately, our most recent fixture, a social at Double Bay on August 27, had to be cancelled due to the weather.

Our coming events are detailed below, but for Interstate Events, see the Notice Board on the Second Floor at the Club.

## BOWLING PROGRAMME

Thurs. Sept. 10, Social at City;  
Thurs. Sept. 17, 1st & 2nd rds. Singles Ch. All day at Double Bay;  
Thurs. Sept. 24, Social and matches, Double Bay;  
Thurs. Oct. 1, Social and matches, Double Bay;  
Thurs. Oct. 8, Social and matches, City;  
Thurs. Oct. 15, 1st & 2nd rds Pairs Ch. All day at Double Bay;  
Thurs. Oct. 22, Social and matches, Double Bay;  
Thurs. Oct. 29, Match v City at City;  
Thurs. Nov. 5, Social and matches, Double Bay;  
Thurs. Nov. 12, Social and matches, City;  
Thurs. Nov. 19, Social and matches, Double Bay;  
Thurs. Nov. 26, Social and matches, Double Bay;  
Thurs. Dec. 3, Social and matches, Double Bay;  
Thurs. Dec. 10, Social and matches, City;  
Thurs. Dec. 17, Christmas Bowls Carnival Day — turkeys, prizes etc. Double Bay.

## Swimming Notes

The prizes for the 1986/87 swimming season were presented at a function in the Sportsmen's room on August 14. The event, with drinks and canapes, was well attended and enjoyed by some 60 members with their wives and friends.

Our off season 100 yards races each Thursday will finish up on September 17 and the 1987/88 official swimming season will commence at 1.15pm on September 22 with heats for two individual 40 yards events. The final will be held, as usual the following Thursday.

The Dewar's trophy for the winner of each monthly points score will continue through the season, with the final at the conclusion of the season.

The Swimming Club sends its good wishes for success with the Maui Channel Swimming Team and we will have more to report on this event on the team's return, hopefully with the winner's trophy.

Tattersall's is sending three teams for the event, each with six swimmers and one reserve, plus a strong contingent of wives, friends and supporters.

## Snooker at interesting stage



*Bill Hurley responds to Doug Jordan's hammer at the Snooker Club dinner, held to celebrate the annual Handicap Competition reaching the final 32 contestants. On Bill's right is his son, Brett, then Roger Manning, and opposite Roger, Jack Chown, Eugene Piekarski and, nearest the camera, Bob Lavigne. In the background, facing the camera, are the snooker playing brothers, Barry and Frank Cooper, and extreme right in the picture is Clive Milleken.*

The annual Snooker Tournament is reaching an interesting stage. Since the "Calling of the Card" which was a huge success, a number of surprises have resulted.

Bob Smith, regarded by many as a big chance, was defeated by John Fay, who was strongly supported at the Card Call.

Frank and Barry Cooper are opposed to each other to enter the quarter final. Phil Hase is a quarter finalist.

Harold Cruickshank is in the last 16 and should I win as this newsletter goes to press, I will oppose Harold for a quarter final berth.

Joe Bluett is in the final 16 and is in contention for the George Mousally

Trophy. the final will be held in late September and the Presentation night is on October 12.

The Ansett Holiday Pairs is being finalised. The sponsorship has attracted 16 pairs per month and I would like, on behalf of the Snooker Sub-committee, to convey to Ansett Airlines our appreciation.

Nominations are now being taken for our Billiards and Snooker Championships.

Please watch your notice board for future sponsorships and nominations for the Jack Chown Christmas Singles.

*Doug Jordan*

## Great weather for skiers



*Bas Phillips was late for breakfast at Worrall Lodge the day this photograph of the Tattersall's Men's Week visit was taken. With Bas, from the left, standing, are Bill Hannan, Robert Wilson, Peter Saxton, Ken Morgan, John Grant, Warren Ball, Brian Worrall, Rob Leece and David Madden. Seated, from the left, are Tony Mayo, Bas, David Naylor and Robert Vered.*

The Tattersall's Ski Club Men's Week was held once again at Worrall Lodge in Perisher Valley during the week ending August 1.

In every respect the 1987 week was a tremendous success. Heavy snow falls in the week prior to the event gave us a wonderful start.

On arrival the weather was perfect with cold nights and beautiful calm, sunny days. Those conditions lasted until the Wednesday when some fresh snow arrived and it continued to snow on and off for the rest of the week, culminating in a severe blizzard on Friday before again settling down for the weekend.

Newcomers such as Ken Morgan, Robert Vered, Warren Ball and David Naylor improved tremendously during the week. Ken Morgan, in fact, had been training for some weeks leading up to his skiing holiday and what he lacked at times in technique he made up for with brute strength and determination plus the occasional nip of Inner Circle.

It was also a pleasure to welcome our regulars from Queensland, Rob Wensley and John Grant. Also from Melbourne, 'Old Faithful' David Madden joined the group.

During the Tatt's Week the new ski resort at Blue Cow Mountain opened and the new ski tube was in operation too. A number of the group took advantage of these excellent new facilities, using the ski tube to travel for the day to Thredbo which is easily accessible from the Bullocks Flat terminal.

A number also skied at Blue Cow and the general feeling was that the area was most appealing. The chairlifts are efficient and the restaurant facilities are the best yet seen in the Australian snowfields.

The views from the restaurant are quite stunning, particularly looking to the west towards the main range.

After active days skiing, evenings were spent in traditional fashion. We cooked ourselves dinner and Bas Phillips was always ready with his harmonica to set the mood for an evening of songs, often led by our Country and Western Tatt's star, George Gell.

— Anthony Berkman

## Handball Notes

Tony Baine has qualified for the final of the Top Grade Event having won a hard fought match with Bob Lipman.

Tony won the struggle by two games to one at 21 up. He now has to play the winner of Bob Hill and Bill Blakemore.

It is a bit difficult to get Bill onto the court right now as he is heavily involved in the current Snooker Handicap and is loth to leave the table.

He is considered a 100 to 1 shot to take out the double.

In B Grade we are down to the last eight and the Quarter Finals will be expedited. The quarter finalists are Tony Salier, David Castle, Gordon Salier, Harley Nash, David Robinson, Philip Biber, Peter Scarf and Richard McKinnon.

These matches are at 31 up but from the Semis on, the winner will be decided on the best two out of three at 21 up basis.

The C Grade Semi-Finals pit Jonathan Ind against John McKillop whilst John Stubbs plays John Furlong. These matches are at the best two out of three at 21 up.

The A Grade Final has already been won by that shrinking violet and arch conservative, Bruce Upcroft, so it is anticipated that all matches will be concluded by mid-October at latest.

— Arthur O'Connor

## Try club member's condo in Hawaii

Perhaps this is one for a tired out Maui Channel swimmer?

Club member Bob Lapthorne has a "luxurious, one-bedroom, two bathroom condominium" in Wailea on Maui which is available for rent to club members visiting Hawaii.

Bob describes it as being on the ground floor amid spacious gardens and only three minutes from the ocean with magnificent ocean sunsets and between December and April, the opportunity to watch whales giving birth in the sheltered waters.

Anybody who is considering a holiday in Hawaii and might prefer a condo to a hotel, can contact Bob Lapthorne on 439-7377 or 919-4665.

## EPICUREANS PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR

Forty eight members attended the club for a very pleasant dinner with wines planned by our staff before taking two airport buses to Her Majesty's Theatre to see Paul Eddington in HMS Pinfore.

It was such a happy evening, well organised and smoothly run, that the majority returned to the club for a nightcap before going home.

All agreed this was a wonderful way to have an evening out and assured me they would support all future theatre party programmes.

Bookings are coming in thick and fast for the Night at the Trocadero, a black tie evening with a 14 piece band playing all the music of the 1940s and 50s. They will play without amplification so we can all hear and enjoy the talents of the very excellent musicians who are getting together to entertain us.

The evening will start at 8pm and supper, which is virtually a meal, is planned for 10pm. There will be all the traditional dances as well as the modern dances that were the rage during the Swing Era.

The Club Room will be decorated exactly as the Trocadero was and we do urge those who have not yet made a booking to come along on this occasion.

The tables are parties of eight and 10 and we have room for a maximum of another 40 people. All club functions of this nature are partially subsidised, so DON'T MISS IT. It is tremendous value and an evening you will long remember.

Hardy's Wines have very nicely agreed to make the wines available for us for the Epicurean Dinner and Wine tasting. We can take bookings for 120 and I do urge you to make your reservation.

The menu and wines are planned together of course, with the co-operation of the Tattersall's kitchen staff.

This will be a true Epicurean Dinner and again, an occasion that will live long in your memory. So make your booking as soon as possible.

We are putting a great deal of planning into our activities for the Bicentenary Year and we envisage having a function each month.

So far we are firm on having another wine tasting, a harbour cruise to the Maritime Museum and a Night in the Caribbean. Other events will be finalised and announced in coming newsletters.

For all these occasions please feel free to invite your friends along to experience some of the delights of Tattersall's Club.

— Bas Phillips

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